

HOUSE BILL 2410
By Buck

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the purchase of a pistol or sidearm.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1316, is amended by adding the following new subpart (3) to subsection (c):

(3) For every sale made pursuant to this subsection on or after October 1, 1998, the fifteen (15) day waiting period does not apply if the person desiring to purchase the pistol or sidearm possesses a valid, unexpired Tennessee handgun carry permit issued pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1315 or 39-17-1351. Provided, however, the purchaser shall complete a certificate of purchase that shall only include the handgun permit number and the information concerning the purchaser that is contained on the handgun carry permit. Upon completing the certificate, it is the duty of the seller to verify with the department of safety that the permit presented is not suspended or revoked. If the seller's verification discloses that the permit is suspended or revoked, the sale shall not be consummated. If such verification discloses that the permit is not suspended or revoked, the certificate shall be filed with the sheriff or police chief, as appropriate, and the sale may be consummated.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1316, is further amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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() By October 1, 1998 the department of safety shall establish a toll-free telephone line for the purpose of allowing a person selling a pistol or sidearm pursuant to this section to call and determine whether according to departmental records a handgun carry permit presented to such seller pursuant to subsection (c)(3) of this section is at the time of the inquiry suspended or revoked pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1352. Such toll-free permit verification inquiry system may be automated or staffed by safety employees, whichever method is most economical and efficient to operate.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.